

2010 GARDEN PLOT PROGRAM - RULES AND REGULATIONS

CITY OF ROCKVILLE - DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

PROGRAM OPERATES APRIL 1, 2010 – NOVEMBER 15, 2010

- ▽ Garden plots must be weeded and planted by the end of May. Plots that show no sign of weeding or planting will automatically be rented to any other interested person. Plots that are only half-weeded or half-planted may also be forfeited. Weeds must be maintained, this includes weeds on the outer border of the plot.
- ▽ Periodic checks of the garden area throughout the season will be the basis for determining if a plot is being properly maintained. The determination for loss of privileges will be made at the discretion of the Rockville Civic Center superintendent.
- ▽ You forfeit all rights to use the rented plot if you decide to give up your plot mid-season. Note: If you are a Rockville resident and you forfeit mid-season, you will not receive a renewal notice for the next garden season. You must follow the procedure to obtain a plot, just as if you were a new registrar.
- ▽ For identification purposes, be sure to have your registration card with you at all times.
- ▽ All supplies must be unloaded in the parking lot and hand carried to your plot via handcart, wheelbarrow, or other device. Do not drive your vehicle into the park. Section 14-53 Subsection (b) imposes a \$200.00 fine for operating a vehicle on other than paved park roads or parking areas. Anyone in violation will be subject to ticketing by the Rockville City Police. Report any tag numbers of violators to the Rockville City Police Dispatch at 240-314-8900.
- ▽ Please use chemicals/weed killers with the utmost discretion. Be sure not to impact surrounding plots.
- ▽ There are six spigots located throughout the garden area. If you use a hose (your own), please supply a double spigot connector so that someone else can use the water at the same time. Courtesy and common sense should prevail in extending hoses across other plots.
- ▽ In order to conserve water, please be present while watering your garden, sprinkler systems or automatic watering may not be utilized in this garden program.
- ▽ The City of Rockville provides barrels for garden refuse. Do not put heavy clumps of dirt or rocks in these barrels. The barrels are emptied on a regular schedule; however, there may be times when excess garden refuse accumulates due to the various growing conditions. Please contact the City of Rockville Parks Department at 240-314-8700 if additional barrel pick up is required.
- ▽ The garden plots are closed to the public once the gardening season is over. Mulching, fertilizing, or other preparation for the following season is not permitted. Garden plots are not automatically guaranteed for the next season.
- ▽ The City of Rockville is not responsible for providing mulch or compost. Renters may bring their own.
- ▽ The garden plot area has been posted "Use By Permit Only." It is not possible for the City of Rockville to provide special protection against vandalism and theft in the garden area. Therefore, if you observe an intruder in the garden plot area, please contact the Rockville City Police at 240-314-8900. Any description or identification of the intruder or license plate number that you can give to the police will be helpful.
- ▽ **Do not park in front of the dumpster in the parking lot. Do not put rocks, dirt or other heavy items in the dumpster.**
- ▽ At the end of the season, all plastic, fencing, hoses, and other gardening items must be cleared from your plot area. Your plot must be cleared by November 15, 2010.